

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2-13, and 46-53 are pending in the application. The amendment of April 13, 2005 was not entered, therefore, the pending claims prior to this amendment are claims 1-48. The Examiner has objected to the drawings because the Examiner asserts that reference characters have been used to designate boxes at different levels. The Applicants respectfully submit that the drawings are correct as submitted since the numbers referred to by the Examiner as reference characters are used as indices for the tree structure at that node and not as a call out number or reference character. Thus, the tree structure may have the same indices or values at multiple levels. Accordingly, the Applicants request that the Examiner withdraw this objection as the drawings comply with 37 CFR 1.84 as submitted.

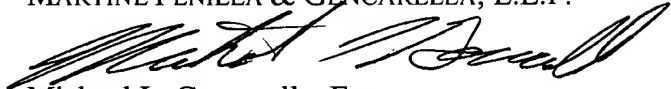
Applicants further submit that the amended claims overcome the Examiner's rejections under 35 USC 101, 35 USC 112, 35 USC 103 and the objections to the previous pending claims.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. A notice of allowance is respectfully requested. In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at **(408) 774-6921**. If any fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge

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such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. ALTEP066). A copy of the transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.

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